GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO GERMAN TALKS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-German second round talks were held in Berlin in November, 2000;

(b) if so, the main subjects discussed and the outcome thereof including the agreements signed on the occasion; and

(c) the time by which the agreements are likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The second round of the Indo-German Strategic Dialogue was held in Berlin on November 3, 2000Foreign Secretary and German State Secretary Wolfgang Ischinger led the two sides.Various regional and multilateral issues of interest to India and Germany, including developments in Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Balkans were discussed during this meeting.The Germans expressed understanding for India`s proposal for a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism and for India`s position on reform of the UN Security Council.The discussions have contributed to a better appreciation of each other`s perspectives on these issues. No agreement was signed during this round of talks.

(c) Does not arise.